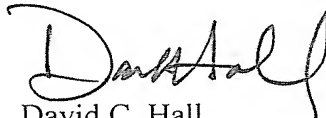


### REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the continued thorough examination of the present application that is reflected in the Final Office Action of January 22, 2008 ("Final Action") and the Advisory Action of April 1, 2008. Applicants particularly appreciate the indication that Claims 8-12 are allowed. To expedite allowance of the present application, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-7 and 13-19 without prejudice to the prosecution of these claims in one or more continuation applications. Applicants therefore submit that all claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance, and request issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

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